

Concordia University  
Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science  
Minutes of meeting 2007-07

Held

Friday, April 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in room EV002.309

Present: N. Esmail (Chair), S. T. Alkass, R. Bhat, T. Bui, M. Debbabi, T. Fancott, D. Graham, D. Dysart-Gale, F. Haghighat, M. Kabir, L. Lopes, W. Lynch, B. Mackenzie, M. Medraj, J. Mudry, S. Mudur, M. Mulrennan, J. Opatrny, C. Paradisis, R. Paknys, M. Paraschivoiu, M. Parisien, M. Pugh, L. Quesnel, A. Ramamurthy, R. Sedaghati, N. Shiri, C. Trueman, R. Zmeureanu, N. Fiorentino (Secretary).

Observers: S. Belanger, E. Katz, L. Zack

Regrets: A.K. Athienitis, R. Dssouli, J. M. Edwards, T. Radhakrishnan, P. Wood-Adams

**1. Adoption of the Revised Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted.  
2007-07-01 (M. Pugh & F. Haghighat)

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Carried Unanimously

**2. Approval of the minutes of meeting 2007-06**

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2008 be adopted  
2007-07-02 as submitted with an editorial correction on page two: "senor design" should read "senior design".  
(M. Parisien & M. Pugh)

Carried unanimously with slight editorial changes

**3. Presentation by Mr. Bradley Tucker, Mr. Patrick Kelly and Dr. David Graham re: Concordia University Strategic Positioning SCAPP Report**

Dean Esmail introduced Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Graham who was replacing President DiGrappa for the purpose of this meeting. A presentation was made to council referring to document ECFC 2007-07-01 entitled "Concordia University Strategic Positioning SCAPP Report". They proceeded to identify and briefly describe five key areas SCAPP gleaned from the strategic planning workgroup reports and that SCAPP

believed should be discussed by the Concordia Community as possible overarching strategies for an eventual strategic plan.

The floor was then turned over to members of council for comments and questions. Members voiced their concern over several issues including retention and communication and advertising.

Chairs were encouraged to allow staff and faculty members to attend upcoming "town-hall" meetings to further discuss the subject.

4. **Chair Remarks**

The Chair was pleased to announce to Council that Dr. Fariborz Haghighat has generously decided to establish an endowment to fund undergraduate entrance scholarship to be known as the Haghighat Scholarship in Engineering. Council showed their appreciation by applauding Dr. Haghighat's initiative.

Dean Esmail congratulated Drs. Vatistas, Siddiqui and their student Mr. Abderrahman for the acceptance of their paper "Experimental confirmation of Kelvin's equilibria" for publication in the Physical Review Letters.

Dean Esmail was pleased to announce the continuing success of our students at national and international competitions. This time our students competed at the SAE international AeroDesign competition held in Texas and placed First in the "Micro Class Best Design Report; First in the Micro Class Highest Payload Fraction and Second in Micro Class Overall.

5. **Undergraduate Curriculum Proposal**

Motion: 2007-07-03 Dr. B. Lynch moved Undergraduate Proposal ECFC Doc: 2007-07-02 which outlines undergraduate changes in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering for the 2008-2009 Academic year. After some discussions, it was agreed to table the document to the next meeting so that it reflects a more complete picture of the changes in the department.

(B. Lynch & R. Zmeureanu)

Carried Unanimously

6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Proposal**

Motion: Dr. B. Lynch moved Undergraduate Proposal ECFC Doc: 2007-07-03 which  
2007-07-04 outlines undergraduate changes in the General Studies Unit for the 2008-  
2009 Academic year.  
(B. Lynch & D. Dysart-Gale)

Carried unanimously

7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Proposal**

Motion: Dr. Lynch presented Document ECFC 2007-07-04 which outlines under-  
2007-07-05 graduate curriculum changes in the Department of Mechanical and  
Industrial Engineering for the 2008-2009 Academic year.  
(B. Lynch & M. Pugh)

Carried unanimously with changes

8. **Graduate Curriculum Proposals**

Motion: Dr. Bhat moved Graduate Proposal Document ECFC 2007-07-05 which  
2007-07-06 outlines graduate curriculum proposals in the Department of Computer  
Science and Software Engineering for the 2008-2009 Academic year.  
(R. Bhat & N. Shiri)

Carried unanimously

9. **Graduate Curriculum Proposals**

Motion: Dr. Bhat moved Graduate Proposal Document ECFC 2007-07-06 which  
2007-07-07 outlines graduate curriculum proposals in the Department of Building,  
Civil and Environmental Engineering for the 2008-2009 Academic year.  
(R. Bhat & S. Alkass)

Carried unanimously with slight editorial changes

10. **Ratification of Elections**

Motion: Nella Fiorentino announced the results of the ballots cast for the  
2007-07-08 candidates who were elected to various committees for the upcoming  
academic year.  
(B. Paknys & C. Trueman)

Carried unanimously

